




# Homeless Education

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# Topics

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# Title X, Part C McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program



- ▶ The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a three year competitive grant, in which all districts are eligible to apply.
- ▶ There are currently fourteen school districts in Kentucky receiving the McKinney-Vento Homeless grant.
- ▶ 2017-2018 school year is the last year of 3 year McKinney-Vento Grant cycle. Notification will be provided for the next grant cycle when it is available from the US Department of Education.
- ▶ Requirements regarding homeless students apply to all districts, regardless of whether the district receives a McKinney-Vento Homeless grant.
- ▶ Districts that do not receive the McKinney-Vento grant can utilize Title I funds to provide services to homeless students.

# How should the data be used?

- ▶ Identification of homelessness is important to ensure that services are provided to reduce the barriers these students experience.
- ▶ This data should be tracked and used when planning and developing the Consolidated School Improvement Plan and the Consolidated District Improvement Plan.
- ▶ Identification and provision of services should have a direct impact on closing the achievement gap in this population of students.





# Homeless Benchmark Report

- ▶ **PATH: KY State Reporting | KDE Reports | Homeless Benchmark Report**
- ▶ **The purpose of these reports is to show homeless students' longitudinal results on major assessments by content area and current year absentee percentage. You may run the report for English, Mathematics, Reading or Science for all students in the selected grade.**



# Homeless Identification

Section 725(2) of the [McKinney-Vento Act](#) defines “homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes—

- Children and youths who are:
  - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubled-up”);
  - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
  - living in emergency or transitional shelters; or
  - abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

**Reminder:** As of December 10, 2016 children and youth that are “awaiting foster” are no longer eligible for McKinney-Vento Services.



# 17-18 Homeless Data Entry

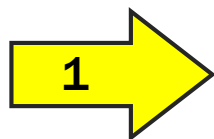
- ▶ What is the data used for
- ▶ FERPA - Access to this data is consider **CONFIDENTIAL**
- ▶ Infinite Campus Homeless Data Standards and Reporting





# Data Entry in Infinite Campus

- ▶ **PATH: Student Information | General | Enrollment tab | State Reporting Fields section**



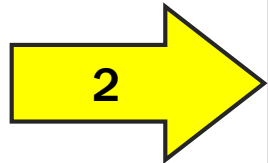
Once a student is identified as homeless, the student is marked by selecting homeless indicator.



# Living Status

required field with selection of homeless indicator

- ▶ Select the living status of the student at the time student is identified as homeless



Living Status

S: Shelters and Transitional Housing  
D: Doubled up  
U: Unsheltered (inadequate housing)  
HM: Hotels/Motels



# Living Status

## Definitions



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### **S – Shelters and Transitional Housing**

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<b>D – Doubled-up</b>	Means sharing the housing of other persons due to economic hardship, loss of housing or other reasons
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<b>U – Unsheltered</b>	Includes cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers including FEMA trailers, inadequate housing, or abandoned buildings
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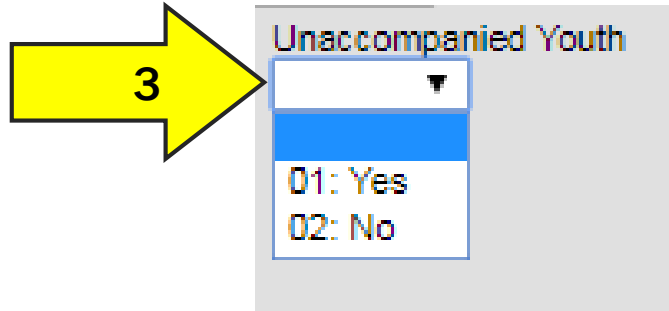
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# Unaccompanied Youth

required field with selection of homeless indicator

Select yes or no if the student is considered unaccompanied youth at the time in which identified as homeless.



A screenshot of a software interface showing a dropdown menu. The menu is titled "Unaccompanied Youth" in red text. Below the title, there is a blue header bar. Underneath, two options are listed: "01: Yes" and "02: No". A yellow arrow with the number "3" inside it points to the dropdown menu.

A homeless unaccompanied youth is a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who fits the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless. Students must be both unaccompanied and homeless to be included as an unaccompanied homeless youth.



# Student Record Transfers

- ▶ If a student transfers school to school in the same district within the same academic year, the Homeless indicator, Living Status and Unaccompanied Youth indicator must be manually entered in the new enrollment.
- ▶ If a student transfers district to district within the same academic year the receiving schools should use the Data Import wizards to transfer data directly from the former district database to the new district database.
- ▶ The receiving district must run the *KY State Reporting Import Wizard* to populate the Homeless indicator, Living Status and Unaccompanied Youth indicator from the former district's database to the receiving district's database.
- ▶ Reference the [Student Records Transfer Data Standards](#)



# Free and Reduced Application Management (FRAM)

- ▶ Students deemed as homeless must have a corresponding FRAM record with Eligibility of Free Lunch Status.
- ▶ Enrollment with homeless selected should have corresponding FRAM record with Eligibility selection of Free
- ▶ If a student transfers district to district within the same academic year, the FRAM record does not transfer with the student record.
- ▶ The Homeless Coordinator should work with School Food Service Director to create a new FRAM record. (Reference [FRAM Data Standard](#)).
- ▶ To identify homeless students that do not have free lunch marked in FRAM, use the student Homeless marked w/out free lunch ad-hoc report.



# Important reminders



Once a student is identified as homeless, the student's homeless indicator, living status and UY indication should remain selected in the student's record for the remainder of the academic year, regardless if his/her status changes and/or if student moves schools and/or districts.

Districts should use the 2016-17 homeless count end of year ad-hoc to ensure they have a list of students to evaluate at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.



# Data Verification



- ▶ Best practice would be to run available ad-hoc reports and review/clean-up data on a regular basis
- ▶ Available state published ad-hoc reports for Homeless data:
  - *student Homeless marked w/o living status marked*
  - *student Homeless students w/o homeless marked*
  - *student Homeless students w/o unaccompanied youth marked*
  - *student Homeless w/o free lunch*
  - *student Homeless Count End of Year Reporting*